

## A BLOW TO THE PILOTS

Representative Daly Would Abolish a Time-Honored Monopoly.

The Proposed Law Takes the Licensing Power From State Boards and Places It With the Government. Sandy Hook Men to Make a Bitter Fight—Organized Labor to Help.

Representative Daly will introduce a bill in the House of Representatives abolishing the present system of State pilotage and giving the power to license pilots to the local inspectors of steam vessels who compose the United States Steamboat Inspection Service. Under the proposed new law American masters of vessels coming into or leaving American ports will be allowed to navigate their vessels in and out of port.

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Masters of foreign vessels, not hearing United States license, would be obliged to hire pilots as at present. The new law would save many hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to American shipowners.

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The old Sandy Hook men are preparing a bitter fight against the bill and have already appointed a committee to look out for their interests. The new association has the powerful influence of the steamship companies at its back and in addition has recently allied itself with the Central Federated Labor Union and the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. James Keyes, formerly pilot on the United States revenue cutter, and secretary of the committee appointed to meet Representative Daly, said on the matter:

"We have right and reason on our side," he said, "and I think we are going to win. These Sandy Hook pilots get their training through an apprenticeship on small schooners sailing off the coast of New York and New Jersey. We get ours on board of steamers, tugs, and ships running daily out of New York where we have served from five to ten years before applying for a master's license."

**BARELY ESCAPED DEATH.**

Gaines Saves a Child and Himself From Destruction.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Dec. 22.—Strong nerves and rare presence of mind saved Frank Gaines and his little child from death yesterday. Near Lawrenceburg is a Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern bridge, 200 feet long, which swings over a ravine 200 feet deep. At intervals of twenty feet are crossbeams extending one foot beyond each side of the trestle work.

Mr. Gaines started out for a walk with his child. He was half way over the trestle with the little one in his arms, when he heard the whistle of the locomotive, and the next instant saw a train coming rapidly around a curve but a short distance away.

At a glance he saw that he would not have time to reach the other side or retreat to his starting point before the train would be upon him. To hesitate was to be struck and hurled.

Two feet away was one of the crossbeams. With a bound he was upon it. Leaping far out upon the end he steadied himself while the train swept past him. He could feel the hot steam scorch him.

Once more on solid ground he sank down, overcome.

**AMERICAN GOODS FAVORED.**

South African Consumers Take Kindly to the Importations.

J. Solomon, of Cape Town, regarding the popularity of American manufactures in South Africa, in the "British and South African Export Gazette," says:

"In some respects the British manufacturer is outdoing his American competitor, but I am afraid that in many cases the latter is getting the decided advantage. The former cannot afford to lose this important market, which, in my view, he does not study sufficiently. On the other hand, the American manufacturer goes out of his way to please his clients in order to grasp a probable order. Take boots and shoes, for instance. It is well known that American boots would not fit English feet; but American manufacturers now use English lasts. It is the willingness of the Americans to adapt themselves to required styles which has principally gained them so large a share of South African trade. Quite a number of Cape Town houses now handle American goods. As regards Germany, the English manufacturer is in the matter of blankets and china ware, and in these and some few other classes of goods they are making important inroads into the market."

Robert M. Eason, a Sheffield manufacturer, is also quoted as saying, after a three months' visit to South Africa, that American manufacturers are rapidly gaining popularity. Several lines are mentioned in which the superior finish of American or German goods has caused their more extended adoption. American engines, Mr. Eason found, were much in evidence in South Africa, especially in the interior. Their lighter weight and the consequent smaller transport charges, where they have to be conveyed inland, frequently with the aid of railways or steamers, has, he says, no small part in effecting their ready acceptance. American mining machinery, saws, and axes were also met in much greater quantity than the same class of goods from British workshops, but, apart from these goods, England had not lost to any noticeable extent.

**A GIFT WITH EACH FARE.**

The Proposal of Chicago Women to Provide Christmas Presents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Chicago Woman's Club has passed resolutions calling upon every person who rides on street cars next Saturday to pay six cents fare, instead of the usual five cents, so that the conductors and gripmen may each get a Christmas present.

The plan, if carried out, will net several dollars for each conductor and gripman. Should even a half or a third of the fares carry a cent gift with them, the difference in the conductors' Christmas pocket money would be considerable. A conductor who makes five round trips and takes up sixty fares on each trip, would receive \$2 if only one-third of the passengers gave up their quota.

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## THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The Empire State Secures Many Important Chairmanships.

A typical member of the majority, watching the progress of the vote wherein some of his associates were revolting against the authority of Mr. Payne, the Republican floor leader, remarked: "The committees have been announced and nothing further is to be gained on that score by good behavior." While it is true that some dissatisfaction exists at the committee assignments it is not so deep nor widespread as was the case under Speaker Reed and Speaker Crisp, especially when the latter relegated Mr. Holman and Mr. Springer from the head of the important Committee of Appropriations and Ways and Means to the relatively obscure Indian Affairs and Banking and Currency.

A study of the composition of the committees announced this week by Speaker Henderson shows some interesting things. Although the Republican strength in the New York delegation decreased from twenty-eight to sixteen members, the State added two of the best and most influential chairmanships to her credit through the promotion of Mr. Payne to the head of the Committee on Ways and Means, and Mr. Ray to the head of the Committee on Judiciary, by reason of seniority. Beside these Representative Wadsworth is Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture; Representative Thomas of Indiana, Affairs; Representative Chickering of Railways and Canals, and Representative Gillet of Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Payne, the New York leader, lost the chairmanship of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and of the Committee on Invalid Pensions by the advancement of Messrs. Payne and Ray, and Mr. Wadsworth, of Indiana, lost the Traffic by the retirement of Representative Brewster of Rochester. General Ketchum is second on Military Affairs and Post-offices and Railways.

In the shake-up of 1898, Pennsylvania was a hard sufferer. Mr. Brostius by seniority goes to the head of the Committee on Banking and Currency, which has had its work done for it already. He vacated the chairmanship of the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service, to take the other. Besides in the retirement of Messrs. W. Storer, D. H. Hoke, and C. N. Brumm Pennsylvania lost the chairmanships of the Committees on Coinage, Weights and Measures, Patents, and Claims.

Ohio fared very well. She lost nothing by changes of membership, and General Grosvenor was transferred from the head of the unimportant Committee on Mines and Mining to that of Merchant Marine and Fisheries, which she will have to deal with the question of building up the merchant marine of the country. He also goes to the Committee on Rules, his assignment making him a prominent figure on the floor. Mr. Southard gets the chairmanship of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures. Mr. Kerr that of Patents and Claims, and Messrs. R. W. Taylor and Burton, respectively, the head of Elections No. 1, and Rivers and Harbors.

Illinois has the largest number of chairmanships—eight of regular committees and one special—followed by Ohio with seven regular and one special.

**TRIAL OF A SUBMARINE BOAT.**

The Navy Department Receives a Report on the Goulet No. 2.

The Navy Department has received from France an official report, dated December 6, of the trial of the latest submarine boat built for the French navy, and known as the Goulet No. 2, the first boat of that type having been of doubtful value.

The Goulet No. 2 is wholly unlike attempts in this country and abroad to solve the problems of under-water navigation, and, according to the report, is incomparably more successful.

About the first of this month she was maneuvered in all directions in Toulon Harbor and remained submerged to a depth of fifteen feet below the surface for five hours, her crew of three men suffering no ill-effects. She then ran out of the harbor in a heavy sea, partly submerged, at a maintained speed of six knots, and then maneuvered in rough water, her movements being directed by means of her telegraphic "topside" tubes, while she remained five feet below waves. In conclusion the Goulet No. 2 returned to the harbor and found her berth, maintaining her speed of six knots, and remaining below the surface while she steered through signals from the optic tube.

Still, the French officials are not satisfied, and will have further tests. They recognize that tidal currents running at the greater rate than six knots are common, and they demand a speed which will enable a boat to make some headway toward its objective point under all conditions.

A similar objection is raised by naval officers to the purchase of a submarine boat built in this country which made only four knots when partially submerged, and which would be unable to go past the Narrows against an ebb tide if a hostile squadron menaced New York. For that reason it was insisted that the Plunger should make eight knots when totally submerged. The Plunger is regarded as a dismal failure. She was contracted for in March, 1895, to be completed on March 13, 1896. Her keel was laid in June, 1896; she was launched in August, 1897, and has spent a total of six months in the last year or more, though her cost is \$150,000.

**RECOVERED HIS LOST VOICE.**

The Strange Experience of a Pennsylvania Oil Pump.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 22.—John Burkett, aged forty years, a resident of Marienville, has recovered his power of speech after being a mute for five years. Five years ago he was employed as an oil pump on a lease eight miles from Bradford, when he fell into a tank of oil and almost lost his life, being resuscitated with much difficulty.

When he recovered the use of his other faculties he was unable to utter a word, and from that time until today had expressed himself by means of pencil and paper. Owing to this infirmity he was unable to get work at his trade, and he has made a living at almost any and all kinds of work. Lately he has been plying bark at Ross Mills, on the Collins Lumber Company's railroad, in Forest county. While at work today he slipped and fell, striking his head violently on the edge of a tie, but not rendering him senseless.

Chagrined at his own awkwardness and the pain of his hurt, he was thrown into a fever of mind and nursed accordingly, and his astounded family, unsmiled with fright, he was able to hear the cures.

The sound of his own voice, unheard for nearly five years, was strange to him, and he was so fearful of again losing it that he sang, shouted, and talked to himself.

With this oral exercise his voice became stronger, and he went to his employer and threw up his job as a laborer and will resume his former occupation.

**A Christmas Dance Forbidden.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Rev. Father McAndrew, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of this city, has forbidden the young men's drill organization to hold a dance which they had arranged for Christmas Day. He says: "God made the Sabbath and He made Christmas, and Christmas is far the more important day. Christmas all days, should be observed as most holy."

**Pardons Refused to Murderers.**

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—The board of pardons in executive session yesterday refused to pardon William Penn Bowman, Wilkes-Barre; William Patterson and William Wadsworth, Edward Cressinger, Northumberland; Thomas Brennan, Pottsville; John Weber, Philadelphia; Cornelius Shaw, and James J. Eagan, Susquehanna. All are under sentence of death for murder.



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Children's best quality Stern Rubber Overalls ..... 35c  
Misses' and Children's Plush Knee-dike Bedroom Slippers ..... 39c  
Boys' Rough Rider Leggings, Girls' warm-lined Jersey Leggings ..... 48c  
Infants' and Children's Springheel and beaded good-wearing Shoes, sizes 8 ..... 50c  
Fur-bound red felt Julietts for Misses and Children ..... 75c  
Corduroy and Tan Leather Boys' Leggings, with 3 buckles on top ..... 95c  
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Children's best quality Rubber Boots ..... \$1.19  
Misses' fleece-lined Rubber Boots ..... \$1.48  
Boys' "Diamond H" famous School and Dress Shoes ..... \$1.50  
Youths' dull finish best Rubber Boots, to 13-1 ..... \$1.65  
Girls' and Boys' fine hand-made \$2.50 grade Tan and Black Winter Shoes ..... \$2  
Boys' \$3 best in the world Cordovan and Tan double sole Shoes ..... \$2.50

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Flannellette and Turkish Toweling Bath-room Slippers, white or fancy colors ..... 19c  
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Felt and Beaver warm-lined Julietts and Slippers, felt or leather soles ..... 48c  
Dolge's famous noiseless, seamless Bedroom Slippers, cardinal or black ..... 50c  
Worsted, hand-knitted, 1 Bed-room Slippers, several colors ..... 69c  
Warm-lined, Black Cloth, Fur bound Julietts and Laced ..... 75c  
Quilted Sateen, fancy colored, \$1.25 Warm-lined Julietts ..... 89c  
Alfred Dolge's famous flexible \$1.50 Felt Julietts and Slippers ..... 95c  
Best quality Flannel-lined Articles and Storm Overalls ..... 98c  
Satin-quilted, White, Fleece-lined \$2 grade Box Calf and Vici Kid Boots—8 styles ..... \$1.50  
15 different kinds of \$2.50 grade finest Vici Kid and Box Calf Shoes ..... \$2.00  
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**JOSHUA BISHOP'S DEMAND.**

It Awaits the Action of the House Committee on Claims. Awaiting action by the Committee on Claims of the House or Representatives in the petition of Joshua Bishop, commander, United States Navy, retired, Commander Bishop makes claim for pay alleged to be due him for services as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy between September 12, 1867, and March 9, 1871.

The petitioner was appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, from Missouri, in 1854, and upon his graduation in 1858, in the class with Admiral Dewey, after passing through various grades, he was appointed to lieutenant commander on March 3, 1865. In an order of the Navy Department on February 8, 1868, he was dismissed from the naval service. He was appointed a lieutenant commander from August 1, 1871; promoted to commander, March 25, 1887, and was placed on the retired list December 31, 1896. He served with distinction on the Mississippi River from 1861 to 1865, and at the Naval Academy, 1864-'65. Commander Bishop volunteered his services in the war with Spain, and was ordered to the Norfolk navy yard on April 28, 1898, and was relieved on October 15, 1898.

The commander was tried by a court-martial, convened by order of Rear Admiral G. H. Bell, commanding the Atlantic squadron, on September 4, 1867. The verdict was dismissal, and the findings of the court were approved by President Johnson December 3, 1867.

Commander Bishop has always maintained that he was illegally dismissed. In his petition to Congress he says that he believes the record of the proceedings of the court and the brief of the case submitted by the Secretary of the Navy to the President, show there was no sentence of a court-martial which could be approved by the President, and that the order issued by the Navy Department on February 8, 1868, dismissing him, was illegal, unauthorized, and void.

The petitioner holds that the court-martial was not properly constituted, as the act of July 17, 1862, required that as many officers should be summoned on every court-martial as could be convened without injury to the service, provided that the number did not exceed thirteen. The court in question was composed of seven officers, and Rear Admiral Bell made no averment that the order issued for convening the court, that no more officers could be summoned without injury to the service. He claims that the court did not have jurisdiction, as the accused was called upon to plead to the charges, submitted a plea in bar of trial, which was a previous punishment for the offence alleged. It is also held that it was an error in the procedure of the court to arbitrarily inform the accused that his plea in bar was inadmissible. The claim is made that the proceedings, findings, and sentence were not approved by Rear Admiral Bell, as was required by article 20 of the act of July 17, 1862.

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**BUTLER'S CHANGE OF FAITH.**

The Senator Said to Be Seeking Republican Affiliation.

There is a story current among politicians in Washington that Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina desires to desert his Democratic and Silver Republican allies in the Senate and join the fold of the Republican majority. He is said to have informed Senator Hanna that the alliance between the Populists and Democrats is practically a thing of the past and that the Populists and Republicans will be found working together in the future. He is reported to have said that as an evidence of good faith on his part he wanted to be received into full membership on the Republican side of the chamber and he would support every measure brought forward by the majority or its leaders, even to the new gold standard bill. Senator Hanna's reply was characteristically brief and pointed. He told Senator Butler that he was at liberty to do as he pleased.

The attitude of Mr. Butler, it is said by Democratic Senators, has never been satisfactory to them. A certain set of observers at the Capitol say that the surface indications all point to the conclusion that

the Populists and Democrats are held together by the slenderest of ties. Senators Stewart and Jones of Nevada and Kyle of South Dakota have practically abandoned the Democrats and are counted as members of the Senate majority. Mr. Pettigrew is said to be dissatisfied with his insignificant standing in the committee work and is getting ready for a complete flop back to Republicanism.

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